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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REPORTS AND ESTIMATES  
Attention: Mr. James E. Lay

Subject: NIR -

1. Inclosed herewith is a copy of the reply to our memo of 18 July 1947, same subject, received from the Director of Intelligence, WDGS.

2. While every effort should be made to comply with the agencies' suggested changes and additions, it appears that they have failed to keep in mind the basic purpose of NIR's. It should be borne in mind that the NIR series is intended to furnish the answer to the question, "What fundamental short-range questions  is it necessary to answer, prior to the formulation of U. S. National policy?"

3. It is suggested that OIR endeavor, through its normal liaison channels to impress the agencies with the "national" and "short-range" aspects of the NIR.

DONALD MOHR  
Chief, ICAPS

Inclosure:

Memo to Secretary, WEA  
dtd 22 July 1947 from  
IC, WDGS, same subject.

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cc: Central Files

ICAPS (Original Memo  
from J. E. Lay)  
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sent to OIR in July

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